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From left to right: Mrs. Funes (senior coordinator), Wanda Ortego, Robert Drews, Mildred Reyes, and Alba Cortes.

Bushwick Elects New Senior Officers

by Luz Ruiz

Elections for Senior Offices were held on Wednesday, October 18. The senior officers are now Robert Drews (7-4), President; Wanda Ortega (7-2) and Alba Cortes (7-9), Vice-Presidents; Lucy Ortiz (7-9), Secretary; and Mildred Reyes (7-8), Treasurer.

-Activities For Seniors-

One of the activities that will take place this term is Senior Day, December 22.

During the official period, buttons and pens will be distributed. A school-wide contest for design of the Senior button is in progress. The prize winner will receive a pizza pie or its equivalent.

A Senior auction will aso be held during the long p.m. official. A dance for 6th, 7th and 8th termers is scheduled for the same day from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This year's January grads will wear caps and gowns.

Senior dues and Drummer (year book) deposits are being collected by Ms. Marilyn Funes, Senior Activities Coordinator, in room 205 periods 2, official 4 and 8.

-A Prom Or Senior Night?-

Among the activities scheduled for next term is the Senior weekend trip and a day trip. The date will be decided by Seniors.

A prom and or Senior Night have been suggested. Unlike the prom, Seniors Night will be of a casual manner and restricted to Seniors only.

Seniors will be having an additional Senior Day in the Spring term.

Ms. Funes says, "Senior year is for seniors. Let me know of anything you would like or tell your class representative. You may also leave a note in my mailbox."

S.C.R.S.E. Set For Students

by Doris M. Badillo

In 1970, 20, 207 babies were born to unmarried women under the age of 19 in New York City. Since July 1, 1970, there were more than 33,000 teen-age abortions. In 1970, there were 5,024 recorded cases of syphilis and gonorrhea in people between the ages of 15 and 19. It is impossible to determine the real numbers since countless cases go unreported. These figures alone make it an epidemic.

You could easily be part of these statistics if you don't know the facts about contraceptives, and abortions or where to go for the treatment of VD. These statistics show that young people aren't informed.

-Now There Is Help-

The Student Coalition for Revelant Sex Education, which is a combined group of students and teachers from high schools all over the city, feel that high schools should educate people about human sexuality. They feel that the curriculum should be revised because sex education in the city's schools just doesn't make it. The number of unwanted pregnancies and cases of VD prove that people are not being educated sufficiently about VD, contraceptives, and abortions.

-Coalition Is Deeply Concerned-

A year ago, when the coalition started, it was not sanctioned by the Board of Education. After various meetings the Board of Education agreed to send out a circular to all high school principals recommending that these subjects be discussed in hygiene classes. The circular will be sent out sometime in the near future.

The coalition also feels that schools should have a rap room, where trained students would counsel other students. Various agencies in the city are willing to train students for these counselling purposes. A member of the faculty would also be on hand in case the student should want a referral.

-Where To Go For Action-

These suggestions have already been acted on by the following high schools: James Monroe, Martin Van Buren, Charles Evans Highes, and Evander Childs.

Bushwick is not yet involved but can be if enough people are interested. It's up to you to decide whether it's worthwhile.

The Student Coalition for Revelant Sex Education meets on alternate Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 at 300 Park Avenue in Manhattan. The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Checking It Out At Bushwick's Annex

Upon entering Bushwick's Annex, one is greeted by numerous little droplets of water. This is a common occurance throughout the school. If you want a drink of water, you are immediately faced with a problem--you can either die of thirst, or, if by some stroke of luck, you find a fountain that works, to drink a warm, yellow, and extremely hard on the taste buds, water. Water, is that what it was? As one proceeds through this maze-like building, one wonders which staircases are "up" and "down". Almost immediately you discover that it doesn't matter. The bell rings, and the students are going up and down all the stairways, leaping and sliding at times.

And I quote. . . .

I asked a few of the teachers what they thought of the annex. Here are their replies. Miss Romano: "It's not as bad as I thought it would be." Mr. Geisser, "Fantastic." Mrs. Freedman: "Our children are bright but very immature. Mr. Moskowitz: "I'm here by choice--it's a beautiful place." Mr. Blake: "I'll say one thing, it certainly gives teaching a new aspect." Mrs. Robinson: "The main building is like purgatory, but this is like hell."

Help

The teachers and students at the annex all agree that there is a need of a great many more supplies. More books are needed. A poor supply of chalk and erasers may seem trivial, but they are two essential tools for a teacher. One student humorously stated "The teachers have to send students sneaking around in other classrooms in search for supplies. They're turning us into criminals." Many of the students, such as Urcelina Ortiz of 1-11CB, feels that "the students need more freedom." However, the faculty members stress the point that freedom comes with maturity.

-New Happenings

A dance was held at the annex and it was a great success. The students and teachers are looking forward to many more. A beauty contest is also being held and is being run by Miss Egan and Mrs. Young. The requirement is just to have some type of talent.

An Office skills class, headed by Mrs. Berger will be switching with a payroll system class headed by Mrs. Freedman. It allows the students to learn about different skills in office work--stenography, typing, bookeeping, and the like in nine week periods. It's a great exploratory experience and also counts as a major credit.

Complaint Department

Mr. Moskowitz was extremely upset over the recent issue of the Bushwick Bulletin when he discovered his picture in connection with a VD story. When his wife saw it, she asked Mr. Moskowitz, "What's going on?" "Besides that, the picture itself looked like it was just brought in by the Mod SQUAD," SAID Mr. Moskowtiz.

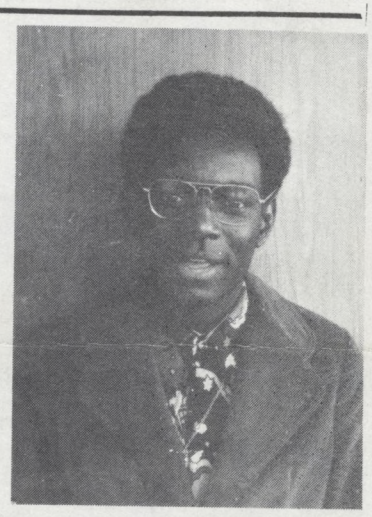
Now Begins The Mating Season

By Wilfredo Nin

Two new clubs, a chess club and a photography club, have just been started at Bushwick this term.

Mr. Login, the chess club's supervisor, has been meeting with the club every Wednesday during the 8th and 9th periods. He is hoping to develop a team that will be able to compete successfully against any other school. In order to reach this goal, he has arranged to meet with the club every Tuesday from the 8th to the 10th period in the Study Hall to discuss chess strategy and to teach new members how to play. The chess club is open to players, beginners, and spectators alike. Everyone is invited. So if you are a chess fan and wish to join the club, don't wait a minute longer!

Mr. Bankeser has organized a photography club which now meets every Thursday after the tenth period. Members of the club learn to take pictures and to develop them as well. If you wish to find out more about the photography club, as well as how you can join, see Mr. Arthur Buchman in Room S-3



W. Portier, first student chairman.

Student Elected Chairman At Council Meeting

by Arnaldo Melendez

The term's first meeting of the Consultative Council was held on October 19. The council elected Wilfred Poitier as chairman. This is the first time in New York City schools that a student has been elected chairman.

-Expansion Of Council-

At one point in the meeting a member of the council asked that there be more than five student representatives since they make up a large portion of the school. Dr. Gelber, Principal of Bushwick High School, stated that since the council is not a law-making body that five students could represent the student body. The motion was voted upon and not carried.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included the progress in obtaining a building for the Mini School, the drug problem at Bushwick and the career program at the Annex.

Students Get A ChanceIn Business

by Luz Ruiz

Applicants are still being accepted by the Cooperative Education Program. Those students who are interested in the program should apply in Mrs. Frances Eastman and Mr. Howard Orgel's office.

-A Taste Of The Business World-

The purpose of the Co-op Program is to give students "a taste" of the business world. There are certain requirements expected of applicants. Interested students must have at least an 8.0 reading grade, 17 credits, and are to be 16 years of age or older.

Enrolled students work on an alternating basis--they attend school one week, then work the following week. "Students are more motivated to work because of their job," said Mrs. Eastman, the Senior Co-op advisor. It is a must for those students seeking acceptance into the program to have skills such as: stenography, typing, mechanics, etc. The job market is tight and skills are a necessity.

-Start From The Bottom-

"Ambitious and willing students start from the bottom and have an excellent opportunity to earn promotion and keep their job after graduation," stated Mr. Orgel, the Junior Co-op Advisor.

Punctuality and good attendance are imperative. "If a student is interested in being accepted in the Co-op Program, he would be wise to immediately consider those two factors," commented Mr. Orgel.

Freshmen and sophomores interested in joining this program in the future should get training skills now for guaranteed employment when they apply to the Senior Co-op.

EDITORIALS

Our involvement in the Vietnamese War seems to be coming to an end. Soon our soldiers will be coming home from one of the ugliest wars in American history. Will this really be the end or just the beginning of a great deal of misery for many people?

Many fathers, husbands, sons will not return from this war at all. How easily we will forget them and their families and widows when the war ends! Thousands of other soldiers will be coming home missing legs, arms or their sight. How can we possibly compensate them for their losses?

The consequences of this war will be with us for many years as a constant reminder to some of us of what war really means. So far, it has meant 20,327 Americans killed, 110, 968 Americans wounded and 165,000 South Vietnamese civilians killed.

Let's try to reflect on the consequences of this war during the coming months and truly evaluate our involvement.

The average Bushwick student just loves to sit back and complain about this school. He says that there is nothing happening in this school and can't wait to get out here.

Whose fault is it really? Much has to do with the students themselves. In some schools hundreds of students come to see their teams in competition and there are many active clubs for every possible interest — everything from Aspira, ecology clubs, Afro-American clubs to peace groups. There is absolutely no reason why this spirit cannot happen in this school.

There are several clubs in Bushwick already, and if none of them suits your interests, start one that does. There are always teachers willing to help you. A good example of student-teacher interest was seen this term when a few students decided to start a Chess Club. They found three teachers willing to help, and now the club is rapidly growing. These teachers are Mr. Login, Mr. Kingston and Mr. Buchman. We thank them for their dedication. Bushwick students get off your "behinds" and start moving.

Milva: On Life

get up in the morning and follow the same over-worn steps to an over-worn school and meet the same over-worn people — with the exception of a few — and they are those with whom i share a smile and a few beautiful words. then i become one of 200 of a garrulous, stampeding, gorging, pushing, plodding mob squeezing my way into the one available crevice where three or four other openings can be found.

meet the two paper mache jesters who have taken on plastic roles as wardens in a plastic prison where the very prisoners don't know that they're imprisoned—much less why!

sit in a cell, with the rustic rivals in vicious competition for the detestable green papers filling their heads with proud egotripping words, and figures, and formulas completely oblivious to LIFE that surrounds them. ... and eternity becomes elongated and boorish for the duration of the daily rotting away period.

Ah ... the end of another normal day. . .

Well, I say BLAACCHH!!!

Speak Your Mind

by Diana Haines

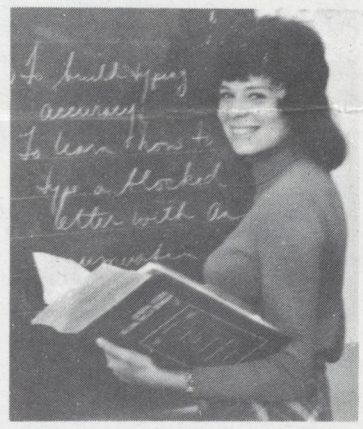
Question
if anyone asked me why i
loved my friend
there could be only one reason
because he was he
because i was i...
montaigne

that's how montaigne answered this question.

what is your answer?

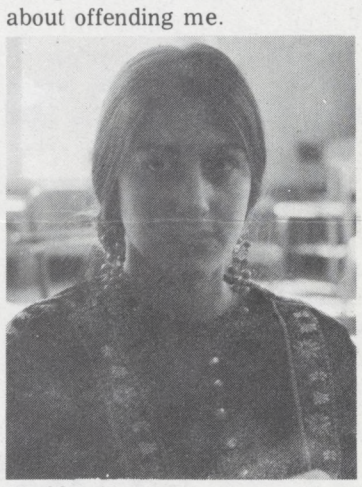
why do you love your friends or what is a friend?

answer either or.



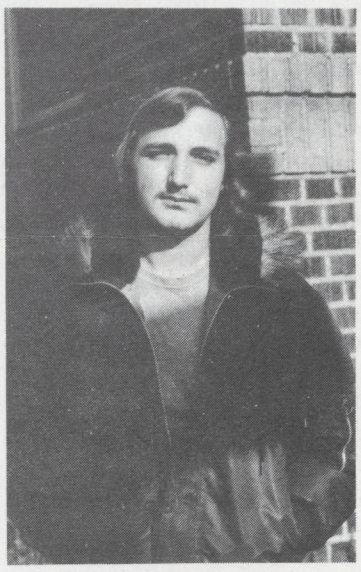
Mrs. Barbara Marlow, typing teacher:

I think a friend is an individual who cares about others. He or she would be my friend if he were personable, outgoing, easy to talk with and honest about expressing his true beliefs and thoughts without having to worry about offending me.



Maddie Amato:

A friend is anyone or thing that holds a place within you. Even the ones who have brought you hurt and confusion are to me considered friends because they have helped you out in some way. The most important hurt is one which uncovers a realization of the exterior world.



Robert Drews:

A friend is someone who is around to help you out, talk to you, or just be with you even when you don't have money in your pocket.

Bushwick Briefs

ATTENTION STUDENTS!!!

The second annual Miss Bushwick Pageant will be held on November 22, at 7 P.M. Tickets will be on sale in room 303 for $1.00, for S.O. members 75 cents. Parents are welcome to attend. Remember the next Miss Bushwick may be someone you know!!!

IF IT'S IN BUSHWICK
IT'S GOTTA BE FLY!!!
J O I N "S T U D E N T ORGANIZATION" NOW!!!

Look what's coming your way... A Girls' Swimming Team ... That's right, Mrs. Zemsky is in the process of forming a girls' swimming team that will be competing with other girls' swim teams throughout the New York City area. Right now the girls on the team are learning new techniques and are preparing for meets that will start in or around March. Interested girls should see Mrs. Zemsky during periods 1, 2, 5 and 6 in the pool.

And Now, Our President

by Rosetta McPherson
G.O. President

As Student Organization president, I find my major problem is in overcoming the barriers that exist with carrying through plans. For example, the idea of a school store sounds great, but the storage of the sweaters, buttons, pens, etc., in a safe place is a problem. The school is constantly being broken into, and students often do not carefully handle the sale money. There also exist many problems with other events.

I found that many people whom I ask to join or work in the S.O. refused, still they complain of no activities. Students do not realize that selling things and preparing for functions involves much bookkeeping, planning, cooperation and most of all time.

I do hope that before the term is over the students will realize the importance of the S.O. and give aid to the officers. Maybe then we will have a prosperous and successful year.

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Sound-Off

There has been a great deal of animosity regarding the new security measures recently established in our school. Students have been encountering difficulty when trying to enter or leave the building during the course of the school day.

Many schools have been plagued by intruders who carry dangerous weapons, robbing faculty members of money and jewelry. Just because these intruders and robberies seem invisible here at Bushwick does not mean that they are not real possibilities. Therefore, it has become a necessity to establish a tight security system to prevent such things from happening in our school.

It is the obligation of the administration to secure each individual's safety while attending school. We must not think of security measures as a punishment, but as a step in the direction of safety for everyone. Should we always denounce things which are for our benefit? Should we always criticize new rules set up by the administration even if it means sacrificing our freedom? We must realize that the school is looking out for our welfare not only their own.

We must stop thinking of our own personal grievances and consider others as well. We cannot always have everything run the way we want it to be run. In order to get the most out of our education, we must stop thinking of the school system as a plot against the student but as a system which is trying to give each student the education he or she deserves. This goal cannot be achieved when everyone constantly disagrees with school policy. Therefore, we must learn to accept these changes for it is for the benefit of the student.

by Dorothy Becker

Teachers are prejudiced! They're prejudiced against the reading of comic books. Some teachers take about 10 minutes to take attendance. They gasp when I take out a comic magazine. I can come in early and be prepared for any lesson that the teacher has planned, but when the teacher comes in and notices me reading a comic magazine, he says "Put that away! Imagine you, reading comics!"

I have been reading comics since I learned how to read, and as my teachers know, I'm not stupid or retarded or anything. One of the problems is that they think all comics are alike. They are not. Comics are different!

It has been drawn to my attention that every time someone leaves the building he has trouble getting back into the school. There are always some clubs or activities meeting after classes. If a student has to go home, he should be able to reenter the school without having to go through all that static.

I feel that something should be done to alleviate this problem.

Some comics have a higher level of vocabulary than those of others. Also, some have a greater degree of realism than others do. For example, Marvel has a higher vocabulary than that of D.C., but D.C. has more realism because it deals with such modern problems as drugs and population.

The only way to solve this misconception of comic books is to get teachers to examine comics. If they did, most would understand why students like to read them, and let students read them. Though, some teachers will never change.

Examine comic books and understand! **Thomas Filomeno**

J O I N S T U D E N T ORGANIZATION

BUSHWICK DAY

DECEMBER 13th, pass it on. . . .

Record Review

by Thomas Gaeta

Fillmore: The Last Days

This is a three album set containing material from the Fillmore West's last week in action.

The albums have many of rock's greatest stars performing to the best of their ability to make the last days of the Fillmore something to be put down in musical history forever. Santana, Hot Tuna, Malo, Grateful Dead, and Quick Silver are just a few of the many artists contained on this album set.

Along with the albums you receive a poster, a ticket from the Fillmore's final show, and a 29 page book of the Fillmore, recording its history in words and pictures of the greatest stars of rock who graced the Fillmore's stage in its six short but impressionable years.

If you're a rock fan, Santana fan, or even just curious, you should try to get your hands on this album. After hearing it, you will be glad to be part of this "recorded history."

Diana Ross is Billie Holiday.

Lady Sings The Blues

by Thomas Gaeta

I was expecting **Lady Sings The Blues** to be nothing short of spectacular. After all, with Diana Ross as the star, what else could it be? Instead, I viewed something close to a cheap M.G.M. musical, circa 1930.

The movie opens with Miss Holiday as a poor wench working in a Baltimore brothel. Even with pigtails and a dirty dress, it is difficult to make Miss Ross look anything but glamorous. You see her rise from the slums of Baltimore to the limelight of the entertainment world. She falls down to a life of drug addiction in Greenwich Village and struggles to reach the top again.

Not that I'm blaming the actors. Miss Ross makes a stunning Billie Holliday, and Billie Dee Williams does an impressive job as Billie's boyfriend. It just seems that Paramount was trying to get so much out of so little. The music sounds flat and in the wrong key. Miss Ross sings all of her own numbers. They should have used Miss Holliday's own recordings. The loneliness and anxiety in her voice would paint the whole picture for you.

Miss Ross, for the time being, better stick to recording and personal appearances and find a better script. After all, she's a superstar and deserves the best. If you're a Diana Ross fan, I suggest that you go and see the movie. If not, as the saying goes, "to each his own."

"I thought she was saving my letters because they were romantic. Now I find out she's chairman of this year's paper drive."

Everybody Has One...

by Charles Giannone

This term's Bushwick Day will be held early in December. "Everyone Has One, Pass It On," this term's theme, means that all of us have in our possession one mind. This mind, if used properly, can bring forth amazing results. So, if you would like to put your minds to their utmost function, help make Bushwick Day your day by thinking up new ideas for Bushwick's fifth consecutive term of devoting one full day to seminars.

Topics and Aim

Among the sessions which have been planned are Roots of Rock, a chronological study from rhythm and blues to today's hard rock, and a rap session concerning the relevance of sex education. An art gallery is to be set up, and it will exhibit work done not only by students but teachers as well. These are only a few of the many activities which Bushwick has in store for you.

The object of this term's Bushwick Day, just as in the past four, is not only to try to get the interest of many apathetic students but also to provide a testing ground for possible courses to be taught in our everyday classes in the near future.

Mr. Arthur Buchman, Student Activities Coordinator, stated, "Bushwick Day is not a non-learning day; it's just an alternate regular day." He went on to say that in order for this to be a successful venture, the students must play an active role towards planning as well as attending these seminars.

Who's Who?

by Doreen Lo Biendo

The following is a little quiz for students who think they really know their teachers well. Listed below are some facts that apply to only certain teachers of Bushwick High School. Can you guess Who's Who?

1) This teacher is greatly sought after at the beginning of the school term by students who wish to have their programs altered. When not helping students change their schedules, he is teaching a course in Business Machines.

2) Writing words in symbols is very easy for these two teachers since their talent is writing Shorthand. They also teach Typing and have become best friends as a result of their common interest.

3) This teacher enjoys teaching Mathematics and can always make his students crack up with laughter. When teaching Trigonometry last term, he rexographed all his math lessons for his students. As a result, each student had collected about 150 rexographed sheets by the end of the term!

4) This teacher has two duties in our school. One of them is teaching Biology, and he is known throughout Bushwick for his witty scientific humor. His other duty is controlling lunchroom procedures.

Answers:
1) Mr. Pagtina
2) Mrs. Skutelsky & Mrs. Marlow
3) Mr. Posner
4) Mr. Kelly

Quest For Life

by Emily Restivo

Is there a purpose in life? Many people ask themselves this question, yet no one seems to have any real answers. Some people get so involved in trying to find out what their purpose is, what their life means, that they sometimes give up the search and look for some kind of a cop-out. Should we search so hard? Drown ourselves in wonder? Maybe the answer is right in front of us, but we can't see it? Maybe we are in too primitive a stage of civilization to understand? Or maybe there is no purpose, no meaning in life? But everyone, everything does have meaning, does have a purpose. Everyone and everything does have a beginning and an end — or does it?

If you can find meaning, you can find a purpose. Love has meaning. This is a fact no one can dispute. You have love, yet you don't have a purpose in life? Try giving a little of yourself, of your love. Try sharing yourself and your love with others. Become a part of them. There are so many ways in which you can express love. Love reveals its glow through friendship, through care, through involvement, through sharing. You can share with others your love for music, art, nature, animals, anything. Sharing your joys and sorrows enables you to cope with your sometimes painful life.

If you can use your love like this, you'll receive love in return. Love has meaning; meaning finds a purpose.

You and I have love to give, to share. We are love. You and I are the purpose. Love is the building blocks of life.

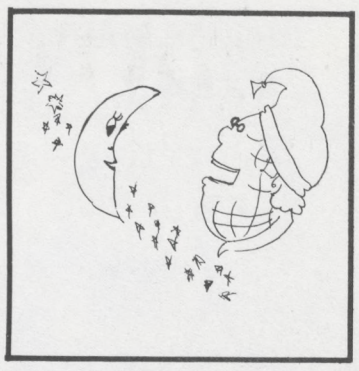
What Is Death?

by Carmine Forestiere

Death, what is it? Is it just fate or chance, or is it an evil spirit? Well, Mr. Death is a spirit, but he isn't a noble or honorable one. No, he's an evil and horrible coward. Death hasn't any friends, only enemies. He lurks in the shadows and comes up on his innocent victims instantaneously. He also can move slowly. When moving slowly, he'll torment the poor soul just to see him suffer because he loves pain.

Mr. Death isn't prejudiced. He doesn't care if you're black or white, rich or poor, and even your age doesn't matter to him. He'll take anyone to spoil life and bring misery to people for revenge.

Death is a heartless devil out for revenge for one reason; Mr. Death never experienced life. He doesn't know the joy of living, laughing, or loving. He envies anyone who can.



What's In The Stars?

by Marta Diaz

ARIES: (March 21 - April 19) - Making neat little lists of what has to be done is a fine first step, but you've got to roll up your sleeves sooner or later and get started. Stop daydreaming.

TAURUS: (April 20 - May 20) - A good day for fashion, dressing up, looking your best and attracting favorable attention. Evening becomes more romantic than you planned.

GEMINI: (May 21 - June 21) - The year, the month, and the season are all showing more for you. You are stepping into a lively and self enjoying cycle. Love makes its announcement this evening.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 22) - A fine day for visiting older loved ones, friends and relations. Start the day with a friendly hello.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) - Look within yourself for the meaningful answer under these currents. You tend to have something in the back of your mind that is anxious to be liberated.

VIRGO: (August 23 - Sept. 22) - Good for new beginnings, reawakening to new interest, picking up the threads of a former hobby. Evening can be quite exciting in love and romance.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) - Social events will have to take second place to work now. There's a lot of catching up to do before the month is out and you'd better not put it off.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Keep your door closed today to any uninvited guests. They'll only waste your time and hospitality. Stop making your house the local hangout.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - A good day for sprucing up your appearance, proving that you can be more attractive. Fine for attention to hair style, wardrobe accessories.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Again, you may feel that things are happening too fast for you to take them all in. Pause, consider, don't rush into anything you don't understand.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - You're in an excellent mood from here on out this month and much can be achieved through forthright thinking and behavior. Your confidence is growing in love matters.

PISCES: (Feb. 19 - March 20) - Don't become excited and tensed if there is some sort of showdown between two friends or relatives. Remain on the sidelines until you can take up the role of Piscean peacemaker.

Soccer Team To Prove Repeating History?

by Joe Favilla

Nineteen-sixty eight was a very good year. That year, Bushwick won the city championship in Soccer. That year, Bushwick captured the League Championship in Basketball. That year, the swimming team went on to take the Divisional Championship.

This is nineteen-seventy two, and it looks as if Bushwick may repeat that amazing year in all those sports, especially the Soccer Team. After dropping the first league game to Erasmus Hall by the slim score of 3-2, Bushwick has displayed a great deal of aggressiveness, eagerness, and stamina by taking five in a row, two away from Jefferson by the score of 4-3 and 2-0, Tilden 2-0, B'lyn Tech 3-1, Boys' High 1-0. In all Bushwick has a total ratio of 2-1.

Soccer Team moving on.

The Big Striped Machine is being led by Eugene Florestan, who has amazingly scored 8 goals in just 6 games, Errol Bagile, Gabriel Ambroise, and Noel Jones, each have 2 goals.

In the assist department Hector Castro, Equador's gift to us, has assisted in 5 goals, Errol Bazile, Gabriel Ambroise 2, Alex Fenry and Noel Jones each have one.

In comparison to last year, when Bushwick just netted 12 goals in 10 league games, Bushwick has for certain gone from rags to riches. When asked how Bushwick has undergone such a tremendous change in such a short time, Coach Larry Herman lost no time answering, "Aggressiveness and a healthier defense, especially with our new goalie, Philogene."

The new goalie he referred to is Marc Philogene, who replaced ex-goalie Prosper since the third league game. Philogene made his debut as a goalie with a spectacular performance — a shut-out. So far, in four games he has allowed 1 misjudged goal, and, if he continues to goal keep the way he has in the last four games, Bushwick's dream of another City Championship will become a reality.

Coach Herman, therefore, is coaching a hungry team, and the Tigers are always ready to bite on their prey. So, watch out — The Tigers are coming — and when they come, don't calm them down for they are doing a great service to Bushwick.

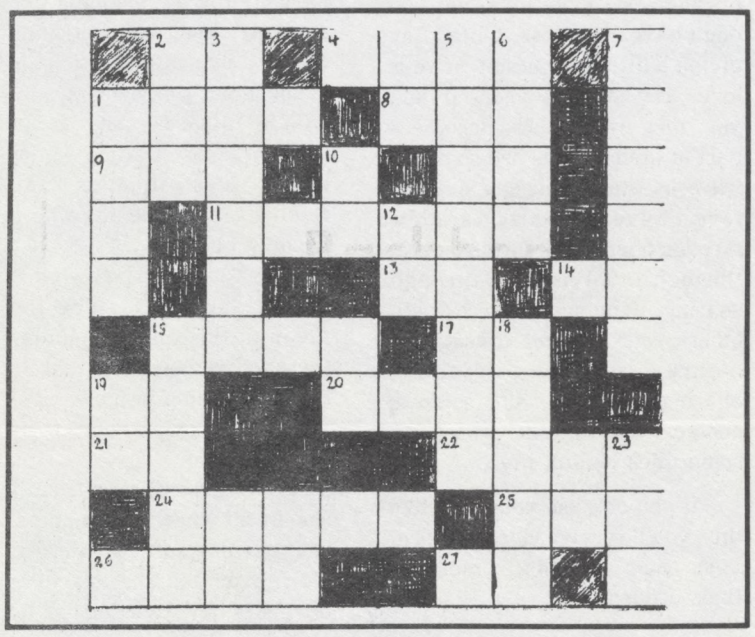
Jackie Robinson: Crusader For Freedom

by Carmine Forestiere

On October 24, 1972, a great radical of his time died. His name was Jackie Robinson.

Robinson was a symbol of courage, a crusader for civil rights and a fighter against drugs. Robinson symbolized courage because it took plenty of courage to be the first black man to play in the major leagues. It took courage to endure all he went through during those first years with pitchers throwing balls at his head, players sliding into him spikes up, and his own teammates signing petitions refusing to play with him on the same team. Robinson proved he was their equal and overcame those hurdles, thus leading the way for other black players. He fought for the rights of blacks even after his baseball career had ended. He was a spokesman and leader in the black movement. He also fought against drugs. This might have been his personal fight because his oldest son was an addict. Robinson licked that problem, too, by helping to rehabilitate his son and others faced with addiction problems.

Jackie Robinson was a fighter for many causes. He fought for all of them until the day he died, and, as President Nixon put it, "His courage, his sense of brotherhood and his brilliance on the playing field, brought new human dimensions not only to the game of baseball, but to every area of American life, where black and white people work side by side. This nation to which he gave so much in his life time will miss Jackie Robinson, but his example will continue to inspire us for years to come."



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ANSWER IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE

by Joe Favilla

ACROSS
1) "forward ————"
4) Worst NL Baseball team in 1963
8) Opposite of being safe
9) Utilities (abbr.)
11) Football: quarter; baseball: ————
13) A disallowed goal is "——— goal"
14) Touchdown (abbr.) backwards
15) Being in first place of a division
17) against
20) readiness
21) year (abbr.)
22) usual result of local world series winners
24) A round opening for intake of basketball
25) Athlete's feet (one of ten)
26) Oakland A's Cy Young Award winner
27) End Zone (abbr.)

DOWN
1) Disc used in hockey
2) "Man at ————"
3) Run: RBI - Goald: ————
5) three second violation
6) Men's sports (refer to a "men only" party)
7) Football's movie actor
10) "Too many men ——— ice"
12) Outfield: ——— Field
15) Baseball's opening month
16) Native land of Roberto Clemente (abbr. of land)
18) Olympics' seven gold medal winner
19) "——— Cobb"
23) Favorite refreshment of British soccer players

Track Team: Off To A Running Start

Coaches Knoff and Rexer with track team.

Runners On Your Mark! Get Set! GO! The Bushwick Track Team has started their cross country season this year with some pretty impressive records. The team has been in a rebuilding process for the last year. Coaches Harold Knopf and Charles Rexer have been trying to recruit new members for the team and bring in some fresh blood. The cross country season has come to a close now, and one of our long distance runners, Harold Ognelodh, has made quite a name for himself. Harold took third place in the city championship this year. However, he isn't the only cross country man around with a promising future. His colleagues Pedro Lazoda, Tyrone Heywood, Makenze Barrington, and Patric Clark are all looking forward to a bright future in the cross country.

After the closing of the cross country season this month, the indoor season will start with Dennis Green, Kevin Garner, Rodney Crospe, Elliot Ortiz, and Mickey Morgan doing the running and looking forward to bringing in some trophies.

Bushwick High School has a great deal of physical talent, and Coaches Knopf and Rexer would like to see freshmen and sophomores come down and try out for the team. This invitation goes for all juniors and seniors who wish to become a part of the track team. Come to the field every day at 3:00 p.m. Both Coach Knopf and Coach Rexer have been doing great jobs with the team. With school support, Bushwick's Track Team will be producing champions in the very near future.

Mr. Herman: Backbone Of The Soccer Team

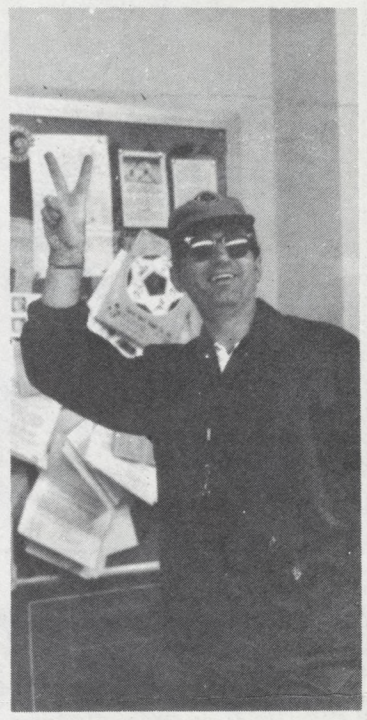
by Pat Giandolfo

Mr. Lawrence Herman, a graduate of Long Island University with four Master's Degrees to his credit, has been teaching physical education and hygiene at Bushwick High School eight years. In 1969, Mr. Herman obtained the position of coach of Bushwick's soccer team.

Mr. Herman loves being coach of the soccer team. However, he feels that cooperation concerning publicity can be made much better. Mr. Herman is irritated with posters announcing games being torn down, P.A. announcements which are not made, the lack of additional funds to support the team and being locked out from the field when its time for the soccer team to play a game. All add to the anxieties of the soccer team as well as to their coach.

As a teacher, Mr. Herman is concerned with the apathy that exists among the students and faculty at Bushwick. "School spirit is terrible," states Mr. Herman. Over 90 percent of the students in the gym classes are unprepared. Teachers have so much paper work handed to them that very little learning is being done." Mr. Herman wants to be an instructor to his pupils not a "big brother."

The lethargic situation which Mr. Herman feels exists in the school makes him favor new experimental courses given at Bushwick. Mr. Herman favors the second period gym class given for boys and any new course that will renovate the learning process. Mr. Herman claims, "In education things get diluted from one day to another, so a change is favored."



Mr. Herman clowning around for the camera.

Getting away from the pressures of everyday living, Mr. Herman likes to read, follow up on sports events and has an interest in Latin-American music and dancing. His avocation is what he terms being a "quasi comedian." Mr. Herman performs with the help of his agent (also the agent of comedian Rodney Dangerfield.)

If you are ever in the vicinity of Sheepshead Bay and happen to notice a man in a club delivering a monologue and having one heck of a time doing it, take a good look — it may be Mr. Herman!

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